

CURIOUS AND HUMOROUS ACCIDENTS

(By Samuel W. Hippler.)

The most peculiar accident that ever came to my notice happened to a commercial traveler in Massachusetts. He had been out late, and in returning to his hotel wandered beyond town limits, and before he realized it was plowing through stubby fields in inky darkness. Of a sudden he plunged over a bank and just managed to throw his body around sufficiently to clutch the edge of the earth with his fingers. For hours it seemed, he hung there. At last he could endure it no longer and let go. He dashed down—down about six inches and then stopped. He had been hanging all the time with his feet almost touching the ground. In the morning they pulled him out of an unfinished well. He was crying like a baby, and his hair, that had been raven black the night before, was white as snow. In this, as in many other accidents, the funny and the tragic were closely blended. There was an old fellow, for instance, who crawled into an empty spirit hoghead to clean it and was overcome by the fumes. Because of his fondness for alcoholic stimulants, his friends said that he died a happy death. And then there was the fat, jolly woman who laughed so heartily at a joke that she broke her stays. A piece of steel pierced her side and caused death. A broken trolley wire in Buffalo fell into a load of hay and in less than it takes to tell there was a merry blaze right in the center of the business street. The conflagration called out the members of a near by fire company and a large crowd. Several ice cutters were at work on frozen Lake Erie making an attempt to harvest at least a crop before the spring breakup occurred when there was a loud bang and a sheet of ice a quarter of a mile square broke from its natural moorings and floated down Niagara river. Three men were carried on this strange vessel rapidly toward the falls, and were going to certain death when rescued by the crew of a steam launch that put out from the American shore. The little dog shown in the arms of a soldier in the accompanying picture was the mascot that went with an American regiment to the Philippines. He followed the company into an engagement one hot summer's day, and was picked up by one of the boys who was carrying him out of harm's way when a bullet shot him dead without touching the soldier. Had the soldier but not been carrying the dog the bullet would have found a human mark. A tiny tombstone marks the dog's grave on the island of Luzon.

A cat accident that had a disastrous finale recently occurred in Ohio. A Buckeye State farmer was mowing when in some way he ran over the family cat, cutting off its hind legs. He started for the house to get his shotgun to put the poor beast out of its misery. In returning he stumbled and the gun went off, blowing the top of his head to pieces and killing him instantly. There is said to be actually on the records of the claims department of a prominent accident insurance company a claim of a California man who tried to collect \$50 on the plea that both his hands were burned while he was trying to put out a fire in his horse's tail that was caused by a firecracker carelessly thrown by a small boy.

Of course, railroad men in all countries have many freak accident stories to tell. Sometime last August in Geor-

gia, a driving wheel on an engine broke and a portion of it crashed through the cab, striking the engineer and breaking his leg. The train was going at the rate of 50 miles an hour, and it is likely that the list of casualties would have been an awful one but for the fact that another portion of the air brake mechanism, setting the brakes, and bringing the train to a full stop. At another time, somewhere in Nebraska, an engine is said to have jumped the track and landed in a bed of quicksand. It disappeared from view entirely within three days and was never recovered.

Both collars and neckties have been known to save human lives. The collar story is a railroad story and properly comes in at this juncture. The necktie story has nothing to do with railroads, but presumably belongs here because collars and neckties go together.

The man who was saved by the collar is Edward P. Conerty. He was run down by a Lehigh Valley locomotive and fell directly in front of the engine. In some way, not explained by the news stories, a projecting bolt on the cowcatcher caught in his collar and dragged him 300 feet. This is a pretty good ad for the durability of the particular brand of collar, because if the linen had given way his death would have been certain.

The man who owes his life to a necktie—a red necktie at that—is a Kentuckian. He is tall and stately, with flowing gray locks and a benevolent expression. What is more to the point, he is the exact counterpart of the sole surviving member of a family of feudists. It seems that one day he was going down the street, all unconscious of trouble, while a hired assassin lurking in the upper window of a saloon and lying in wait for his prototype, had him carefully covered with a mountaineer's long rifle and was only waiting to make his aim more certain before pulling the trigger. His finger had already begun to press upon it, when one of the conspirators whispered:

"For God's sake don't shoot; our man never wears a red necktie."

Of course, the Kentuckian was later told of his miraculous escape and in talking it over afterward he said: "The most peculiar part of it all is that I had never worn a red necktie in my life before. I seldom wear any at all around the house, but this day I had arisen early to catch the morning train for town and dressed in the dark. In my hurry and the gloom I never noticed that I had on one of my son's neckties until after all the excitement was over, and so I feel that I owe my life to an accident."

It is related that a Pennsylvania sheriff once fell down the gallow's steps while hanging a murderer and broke two ribs, and a Cincinnati paper recently printed a story about an automobilist who, while fixing his electric auto, made a short circuit with his gold ring and had a finger nearly burned off. In this connection it might perhaps be well to call attention to the fact that Harry Hamlin, the son of the most famous horsebreeder that America has ever produced, was killed in an automobile accident.

The wheel came off a grain wagon on the streets of Chicago one day and several hundred bushels were hurled on top of the driver, who was completely buried. He was almost dead when rescued. That is almost as bad as the story of the sprinkling car driver who fell into his own water wagon and was nearly drowned.

It was a Philadelphia man who thought that it was rabbits instead of lobsters which could be cooked alive. He tried it. Bunny in his struggles upset the pall of boiling water, and he was laid up with scald burns on his hands and feet for weeks. This story is almost as hard to believe as that of the man who tried to have his wife press his pants without taking them off. It is claimed that wife laid on the damp cloth and applied the iron. Hubby was in the hospital for some time.

The other day a brick fell from a chimney on a quiet street in an eastern city. The street was nearly a mile long, and by actual observation there was only one person on its entire length—a lad of about 10 years. And yet that brick, falling straight as a die, landed squarely on the top of his head and killed him. It was fate.

Down in the hard coal district of Pennsylvania, from whence come thrilling stories at regular intervals, a miner the other day fell down a shaft. He shot through the air for about 30 feet and would have been dashed to a horrible death but for the fact that his trousers caught on a nail and held. They were old pants, too, and how they stood the strain is a mystery. And talking about miners, everybody remembers Bill Hicks. Bill was entombed under 60 tons of debris for 15 days, and during that time he was kept alive by milk and soup and other liquids which were lowered to him through a water pipe.

It is the little things of life that cause us the most trouble. A man in Pittsburg recently fell asleep without removing his false teeth. The plate slipped part way down his throat and choked him to death. Another man, living somewhere in York state, crawled under the bed to get a collar button, bumped his head in getting out and died from concussion of the brain 10 days later. A farmer out west laid his loaded shotgun on the bed. A hen climbed into the bed to lay an egg, and in perambulating around stepped on the trigger. It was the old story. The hen, of course, didn't know it was loaded, but the gun went off just the same, and the discharge set fire to the bed.

An old negro working near a cotton gin in the south had been insured against accident by his kind-hearted employer. One day in some way he caught his foot in the mechanism and

It was badly crushed. The accident seemed to amuse him greatly, and even while the surgeons were preparing to amputate the injured member he laughed heartily.

"What's the joke, old man?" asked one of the doctors.

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Two Suspects, Heard Planning Hold Up, Are Given Orders to Walk on and Immediately Comply.

E. M. Dunning and Joe Sullivan, who were arrested Saturday evening and placed in the county jail, were yesterday morning given strict orders to shake the Walla Walla real estate from their feet, and return here nevermore, upon pain of trial and probable imprisonment for contemplating a series of hold-ups here, says the Union.

Saturday evening one of the blue-coats overheard Sullivan and Dunning making plans for a hold-up, and the two were immediately taken to the station by Officer Cashatt and locked up, having been released yesterday morning on condition that they leave town at once. They agreed.

Chief Sounds Warning.

Chief of Police Davis, although he is making every effort to keep the city free from undesirable characters, has issued a warning to business men and especially hotel and lodging house proprietors, where thievery is more likely to occur, to keep a close watch upon their premises, and endeavor to prevent a repetition of the day-light robbery which was made in the Diferes and Palace hotels yesterday. From the present time until harvest operations have been started there will be many unemployed men in the city looking for work, and if an opportunity presents, many of them would not hesitate to affix articles that do not belong to them.

Police officers have been given special instructions to watch unknown persons who come under their surveillance, with extreme care, and to take steps to keep the city clear from any who have the appearance of being "crooked."

EIGHT THOUSAND GRAIN BAGS WILL BE USED

Indications Point to Heavy Crop and Many Farmers Are Already Laying in Supply for Harvest.

That the grain crop of southeastern Washington for the year 1908 is likely to be an unusually big one, is evidenced by the fact that 25 carloads of grain bags will be required to handle the crop, says the Walla Walla Union. Two carloads of Calcutta bags have already been received, aggregating about 80,000 sacks, or 80 bales per car. These bags are made in Calcutta from Indian jute, and are handled by business houses in Portland and sound points, where they are shipped. The price this year is said to be somewhat lower than it was last year, the average being \$7.39 laid down in Walla Walla.

In the neighborhood of 500,000 bags, made at the jute mill at the state penitentiary will be available in addition to the imported product, the quotation for prison bags being \$6.90 free on board at the prison. With the freight added the home bags are on a par with the imported product.

Nearly all bag deliveries are to be made by July 1, and shipments will be received almost daily from the present time until harvest begins, as many of the more extensive farmers must have the bags on hand before they can start threshing operations.

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